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TAGS: CGEN (HENDRIX, JAMES)

SUBJ: EAGLE VOYAGER CASE

REF: STATE 108655

1. EMBASSY REMAINS UNCONVINCED THAT PEYSEKHMANS TESTIMONY COULD BE ESSENTIAL TO PROSECUTION OF CASE AGAINST HENDRIX, BUT PER REFTEL WE PROPOSE TO APPROACH MFA WITH REQUEST THAT, IF SHE WILLINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY CONSENTS, SHE BE GIVEN EXIT VISA TO TRAVEL TO NEW YORK AT USG EXPENSE TO GIVE TESTIMONY. PLEASE CONFIRM THAT USG WOULD PAY TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE, AND PROVIDE FUND CITATION.

2. IF SOVIET AUTHORITIES AND/OR PEYSEKHMANS REFUSE ABOVE REQUEST, EMBASSY CONSIDERS IT LIKELY SOVIET GOVT. WOULD BE WILLING TO ACCEPT WRITTEN QUESTIONS AND HAVE HER TESTIMONY TAKEN BY SOVIET AUTHORITIES FOR FORWARDING AND USE IN US.

3. ALTERNATIVELY, WE COULD REQUEST THAT CONSOFF BE PERMITTED TO TAKE HER TESTIMONY, OR THE US REPRESENTATIVE TRAVEL TO USSR AND DO SO AS SUGGESTED REFTEL. WE KNOW OF NO PRECEDENT FOR EITHER AND CONSIDER SOVIET APPROVAL UNLIKELY. ALSO, WE ARE UNCERTAIN WHETHER USG COULD, OR WOULD WANT TO, OFFER RECIPROCITY.

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